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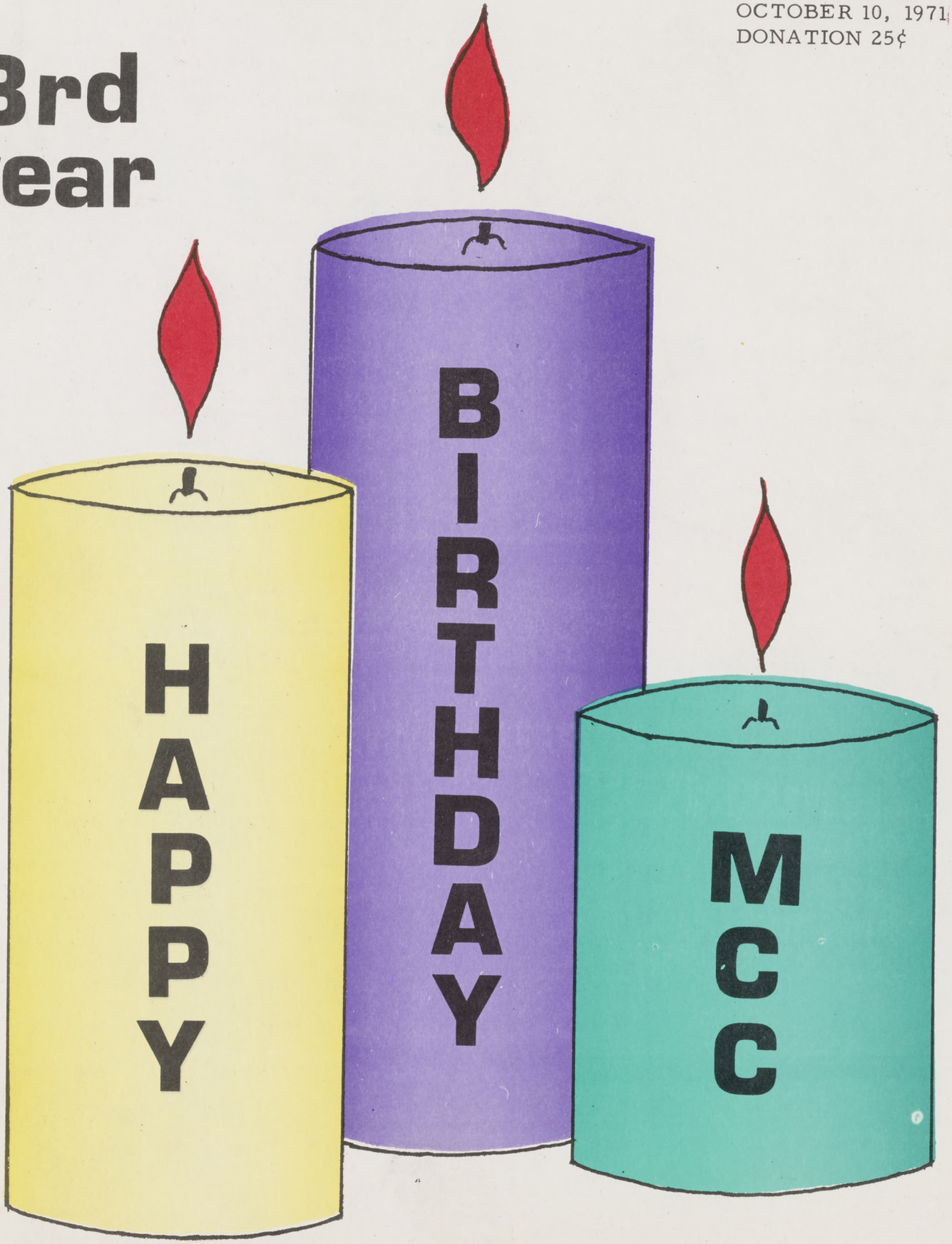

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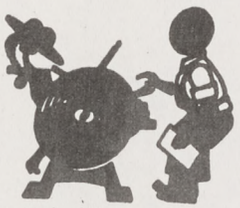

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Our Message from Heaven

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Bible Thought: ***"But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear"*** **(Matthew 13:16).**

WE once had a teacher who would say, "Look at me!" She knew that only when she had our attention, when we were listening, could we learn. God is saying that to all men today.

God has supplied us with much evidence of his being in language that all men can understand. Every time we look at any growing thing; view with rapture his mountains, rivers, and green valleys; watch the sun rise or set; or gaze into the endless expanse of heavens sprinkled with stars, we are listening to the silent testimony of his glory and his government.

While we need the higher revelation given by inspiration in his Word, we are grateful for these illustrations of his existence and his majesty in his creations. Truly the two—his law and his creation—go together in warning us of the nature of sin and in keeping us from transgressions, even the secret sins hidden in the flaws of our character. They so impress our senses that we are led to pray earnestly that even our words and thoughts might be acceptable to him.

Lift up your eyes and look, beloved. God has a message for you! Are you listening?

Hymn: "When He Calls Me."

Lord, help us use our eyes and ears so as always to understand and to know your will. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

—Francis H. Long

WEDNESDAY IS THE DEADLINE!

This past week, due to the many extra printings for the General Conference and the coinciding of the monthly "In Unity", we went to press early with a shortened edition. If your article was submitted on time but didn't make it, or shortened, we are sorry and will attempt to include it next week. Most of you have been wonderful in submitting your articles. A few of you haven't.

If every group, club, organization, or office could appoint someone who is willing and capable of the responsibility, your items of interest will be here in Publications on time. Your cooperation is appreciated. We will soon begin a Who's Who column to introduce individuals to the readers. A photo along with the article of your favorite MCC member will be accepted.

We are STILL falling short on proof readers. We are striving for an errorless edition, but we need more eagle eyes to spot those little typos and mistakes. VOLUNTEER!!

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October 10, 1971

Dear Friends:

Well, here we are, three years after it started! Three years of watching God move in our midst.

On the afternoon of Oct. 6, 1968, a small band of 12 people met with me to worship God and to hear the good news of the Gospel. Eleven of the thirteen were Homosexuals who felt that the Church had locked them out of its organization, but eleven who knew God had not forgotten them.

And look at us today! We are legion and growing. We no longer look to God despairingly, but with hope; no longer afraid, but open; no longer hating, but loving.

We have seen God bless us even in our crisis. When the world has sought to destroy us, our Father has placed his arms around us and hidden us away from our enemies.

It's been a beautiful three years, a wonderful three years and I love you all for helping make it that.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Troy D. Perry

Rev. Troy D. Perry
Pastor, MCC-LA

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Dear Members & Friends:

When I was asked to do a short piece for the Anniversary issue, I was at a loss as what to put into this infernal typewriter. Sure I could write about being one of the "Original 12"...but, then there were another "11", and besides I just happened to be in the right place at the right time. So I called Connie, and asked what the Hell should I write about. She gave me a few suggestions and I came up with this.

"Troy Perry, Before and After"

Before what? The Army. After? The Army, and God's decision to start a church which opens its arms to heterosexuals and homosexuals alike. Its arms open with love to all who believe in the teachings of Jesus, and even to those who don't. (as Friends)

You see, I've known two Troy Perrys. He came to work for the same retail company I was with in 1963 after he had left the Church of God and had separated from his wife. He was a hard worker, but shy. The dynamic Rev. Perry you know today was not the Troy I first knew. Can you imagine him as a man who seldom spoke out as to his feelings? We both came from the south.Both from Florida, and I enjoyed his southern colloquialisms and his earthy humor.

Then came the Army. He came in one morning and said "Well, the Draft Board finally got me....I got my notice, and I'm going." Not that he was that brave. Viet Nam was getting hotter, but his patriotism (a thing many people are somewhat short of now) was pretty strong. So the entire department gave him a going away party you wouldn't believe...maybe you would...a good Italian Dinner at Little Joes in downtown Los Angeles.

As it turned out, Our Father had other plans for Troy. No Viet Nam for him. Instead he spent time in Augusta,Georgia training in the Signal Corps...then a year and a half in Europe, where he became sergeant in charge of codes (won't that turn the CIA on).While there I received many interesting letters from him about his travels. One of which said..."You know you're right! The Army isn't half bad if you do it right. " He got what I'd love to do...get a full tour of all of the places to see on that continent. (Ask him sometime about his audience with Pope Paul) Then he came back.

You wouldn't have believed the change. The Army really made a man out of him. Where he had been meek, now he was strong. To put it bluntly, he wouldn't take any crap off anyone...and yet he still had his humility and understanding.

He first became an Asst. Manager in Toys at Christmas...where he was hit on the head with a bag of live gold fish..it broke, but he tenderly placed them in a paper bag for the poor upset customer. He had learned to lead. He soon became a Department Manager and did very well.

Then it happened.

One morning I went into his office. He was in a very emotional state. He was crying. Not in sorrow, but in what you could call exaltation. I didn't recognize this at first and asked him what was wrong. "Nothing is wrong, Steve," he answered. He said that he had just talked with God and had an answer. He was going to return to the clergy. Troy felt that what was needed in Los Angeles, and for the world for that matter, was a church based on Jesus' teachings. LOVE. A church which would open its heart and doors to everyone. White, Black, Yellow, Protestant, Catholic, Gay and Straight.... you have it.

So many of our Churches today say, "We will accept you as a Christian...but only if you follow our rules." Don't drink, don't smoke, don't this or that...DON'T. Well, sitting there that day, Troy explained what he felt was required of him, and as he did, somehow his enthusiasm got to me. I'm not by nature a very "religious" man, but somehow the whole idea fascinated me, and I agreed.

The rest is history and more to come. MCC has grown from a small house and a small group to a vital growing thing. On this anniversary, I want to say that I am proud to have Rev. Perry as my friend. Not a close friend, (his career, with the Church, has kept him busy) but as an intimate friend. When he visits us in the desert, we can sit and talk of many personal things. It has been many years since we first met, but a revelation to watch the development of a man by the Hand of God, from a shy retiring Southerner to the Strong, Leading Pastor of MCC.

Steve Sands

THE PASTOR

Troy's mother was born on a farm outside of Jaspar, Florida, and raised with ten sisters and brothers. In 1939, at the age of twenty-two she left home on a visit to see her sister in Tallahassee. She never returned home,for she met Troy D. Perry, Sr. Troy's father had been raised on a farm and had moved from city to city until he finally settled in Tallahassee, where he met his wife-to-be. After a brief courtship, they married. Troy, Jr. was born in Tallahassee, July 27, 1940.

Troy, Sr. was proud of his first son. He got him boots and jacket to match his own. The two were always seen together. For little Troy's second Christmas, his mother bought him a tricycle, supposedly from Santa, and hid it behind the setee. The curious boy snooped and found it, so his father bought him a wagon. It was so big Troy couldn't pull it, so his father spent hours happily pulling him around the yard.

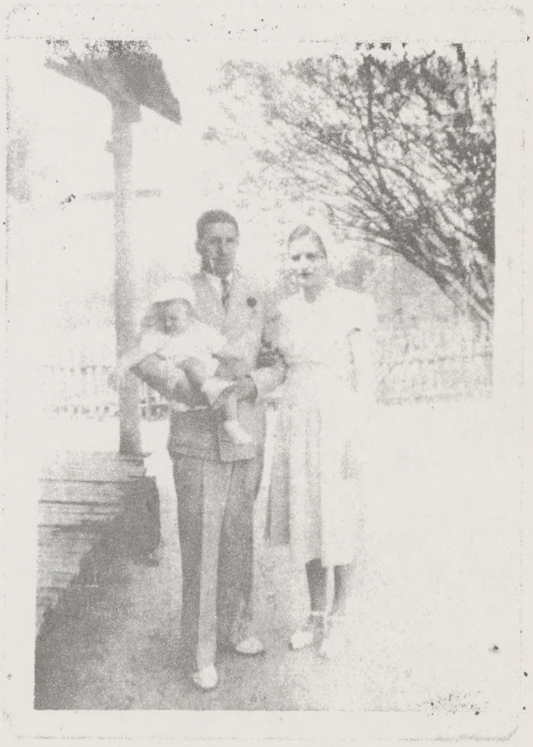
At the age of two and one-half,Troy's parents bought a store and although Troy didn't indulge in candy too much himself, he took candies and gave them to all the neighborhood children.

Around the age of four, Troy and his younger brother, Eugene, would pull the fire alarm near the house and hide until the fire trucks came. The fire company finally caught on and put a glass cover on the alarm. Once the neighborhood kids painted themselves to play Indians and accidentally set fire to the woods, - so again the fire trucks were called.

Later that year, Troy put his little brother, Eugene,in the closet and locked the door. The family hunted all over the neighborhood. They finally came back to the house, where they could hear him but not locate him. His cries became weaker until, when he was finally found, he was pale from lack of air. Troy was hunting, also, as he could not remember where he had hidden his little brother.

His father had a truck the kids called "Leapin' Leaner" - because it leaped and leaned all over the road.His father used the truck to go back and forth to a pig

Troy Perry, Jr. was born on July 27, 1940 in Tallahassee, Florida. His proud father posed him for snapshots beside Troy's maternal grandmother's back porch in the country in Florida.



His mother, Edith Perry, was born and raised in this house with ten sisters and brothers.

At six months, Troy with his mother, visited his maternal grandmother in Jaspar, Florida.

Troy, at the age of 4, visited his grandmother in Tallahassee with his brothers Eugene and Jimmy.

Troy, at 5, rocked in the back yard with his younger brother, Jimmy, in 1945.

pasture, and the kids would pile into the truck to go with him so that they could spend the day playing with the pigs. One time while Troy and his brothers and some neighbor kids were piled in the truck, someone 'knocked' the gears and the truck began to roll down a rather steep hill. One of the adults at the bottom of the hill was alerted, so he jumped onto the moving truck and managed to stop it.

Troy's father died in an auto accident when Troy was thirteen. After that, Troy took over the job of fathering his younger brothers. He was very protective and often got into fights with the next-door neighbor girls. He always stood up for the younger kids, and many hair-pulling sessions ensued over the years.

In school, Troy studied hard and made good grades; he rarely got into any trouble. "All the trouble he got into was after school," his mother said. Troy

In the summer of 1946, Troy looked up to his older cousin, Vernon, holding Troy's younger brother, Eugene.

was not active in school sports or other school activities; he spent most of his time on church activities.

Church was the most important part of his life. While he was still in Jr. High School, he started conducting Thursday morning Chapel services. It was right around this time that he began to teach Sunday School. At the age of fifteen, he felt that the Lord had called him to preach, so he was licensed and began preaching on revivals and as a guest speaker at other churches.

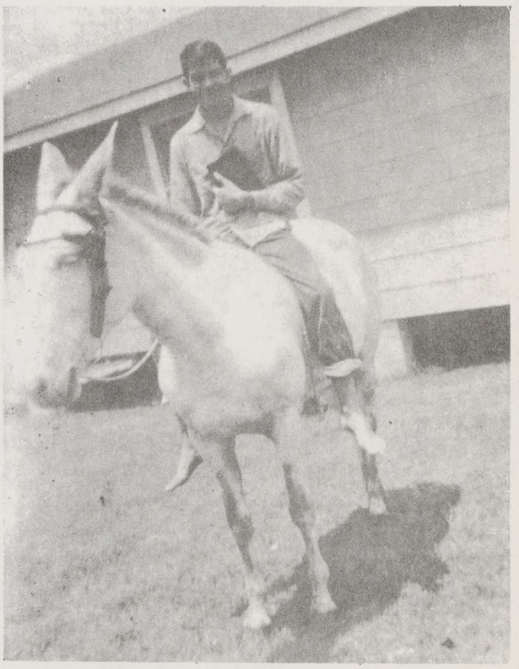
At the age of nineteen, he married. Two sons were born. He went to Moody Bible Institute, and to Midwest Bible College so that he could get his education in the ministry. While he was married, he was transferred to California on business. While in California, he pastored a church in Santa Ana.

He and his wife separated. Soon after, he was drafted into the army at the age of twenty-five. Because he was stationed in Germany, he got the chance to travel all over Europe. In Germany he was a part-time pastor for a Pentacostal Church for servicemen. While still in Germany, he felt called upon to start a church for the homophile community, but was still afraid of ridicule from his friends. When he was discharged, he returned to Southern California and went back to work as a division manager in his previous business.

Troy attended Sealy Memorial Elementary School in Tallahassee. At 7, he had his picture taken in the second grade, in 1947.

At 21, in 1961, Troy sat with his mother on their back porch.

Troy, with his brother Jimmy in front of the house in Florida. He was about 21, the year was 1961.



In 1957, Troy was 17. In "South", Alabama, during a revival, he climbed aboard a neighbor's mule with his Bible. As soon as the picture was taken, the mule ran away with him.

Troy posed for his first picture in basic training when he went into the army in 1965.

In August of 1968, he was with one of the individuals arrested at The Patch, a local gay bar. This person had never been arrested before, so when he was bailed out, Troy took him home for counseling. The man began to weep and said, "No one cares for us homosexuals." Troy tried to calm him, saying, "God cares."

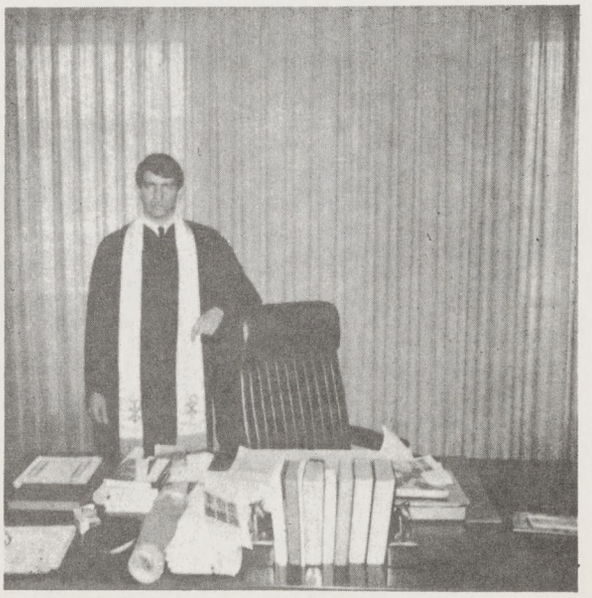
"No," the man said, "- not even God cares." He went on to say that in his church he had been told that he could not be a member and be a homosexual also.

Troy said, "I prayed and said, 'God, when do you want me to start the church?' God said, 'Now!'"

...By Rev. Perry's Mother,
Mrs. Edith Perry
as told to Melinda Napier

Troy arrived in Germany as a member of the U. S. Army Signal Corps.

Troy visited Luxemburgh in 1965 with Ted Cobbs, one of his best friends.



In 1968, Rev. Troy Perry conducted Easter Services in a Congregational Church in Los Angeles.

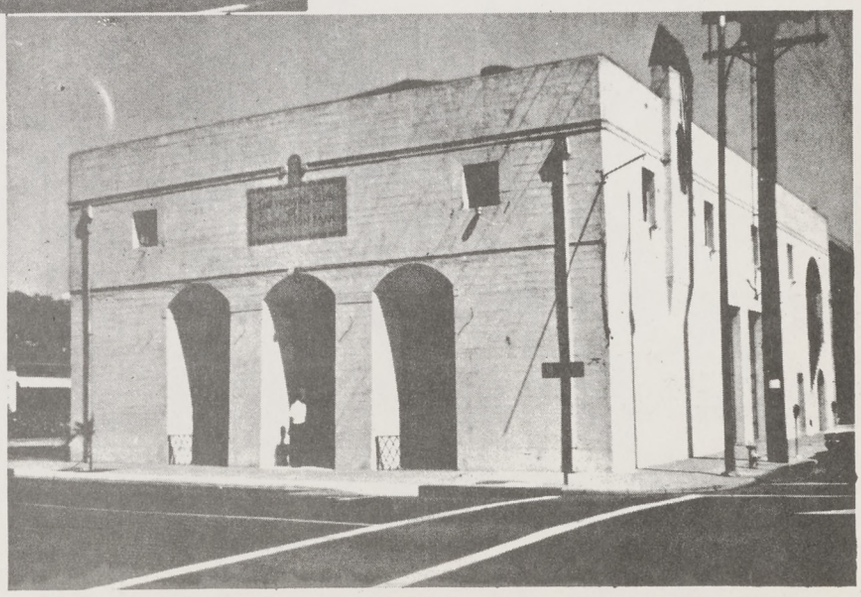
MCC's Search For a Church

From the beginning of MCC, a major goal has been to locate a permanent sanctuary in which we can worship God according to the dictates of our concience.

During our first year we moved often, sometimes because we had outgrown the location, sometimes we were asked to move for some reason or other. The Congregation was kept alert and curious where we' d meet next. We kept saying, "You have to attend every Sunday for sure, to know where we'll be the following Sunday. If you don't come, we may move, and we'll lose you because you won't know where we are."

During our first year we met in five different locations:

1) THE PINK HOUSE
Church services were held in Huntington Park in the home of Rev. Perry and Mr. Willie Smith starting Oct. 6, 1968.



2) THE WOMEN'S CLUB
Services were held in this Spanish-style auditorium in Huntington Park, beginning Dec. 1st, 1968, and happily continued thru Easter and the May Festival to May 25, 1969.

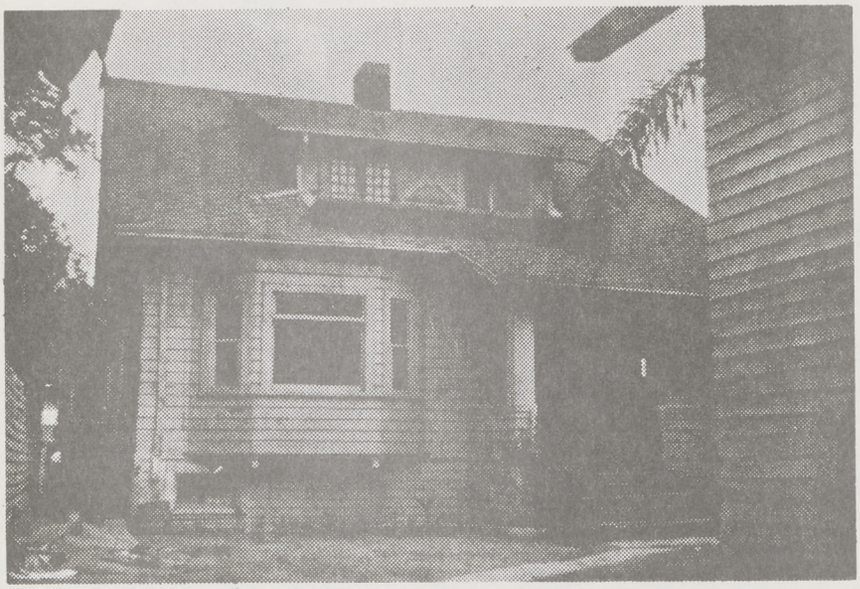
3) EMBASSY AUDITORIUM
We moved to downtown Los Angeles on June 1, 1969. Centrally located, just off the Harbor Freeway, it made greater attendance possible.

4) FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
We met there two weeks, on July 6th, and 13th, two blocks from the Embassy.

5) THE ENCORE THEATRE
July 20th, we moved to the Hollywood area, where on our First Anniversary, we still meet.

FIXING UP

The Parsonage

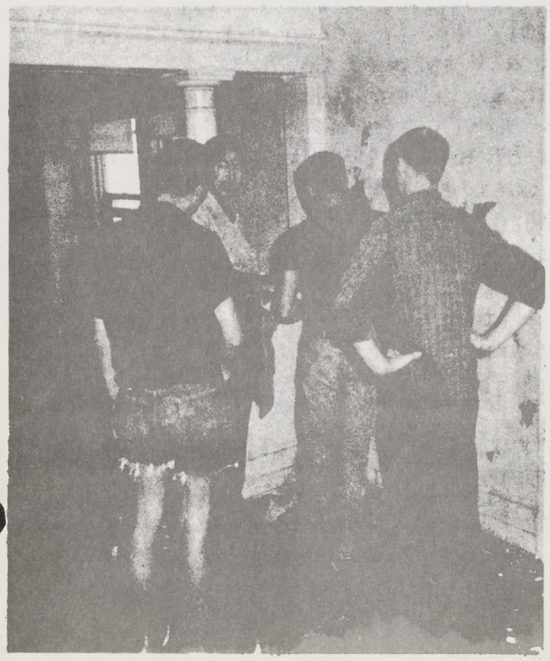


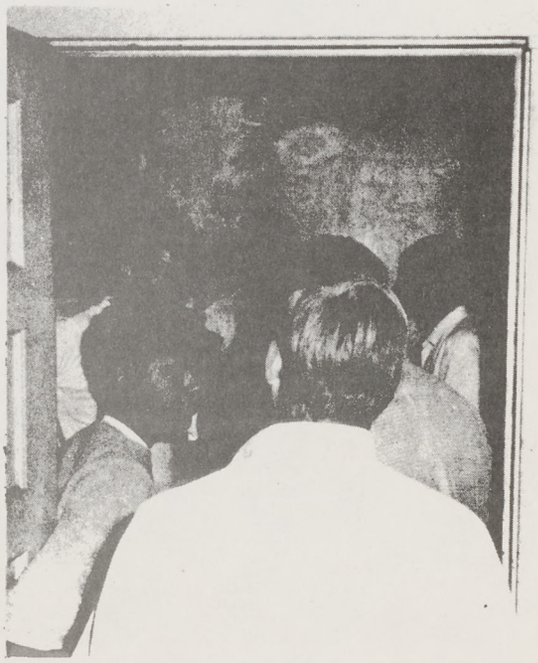
On Saturday, August 20, 1969, forty stout-hearted MCC Members and eager Friends searched out the 1149½ N. Virgil address, found it to be in a slightly run-down area just off Santa Monica Blvd., and in the rear of another house.

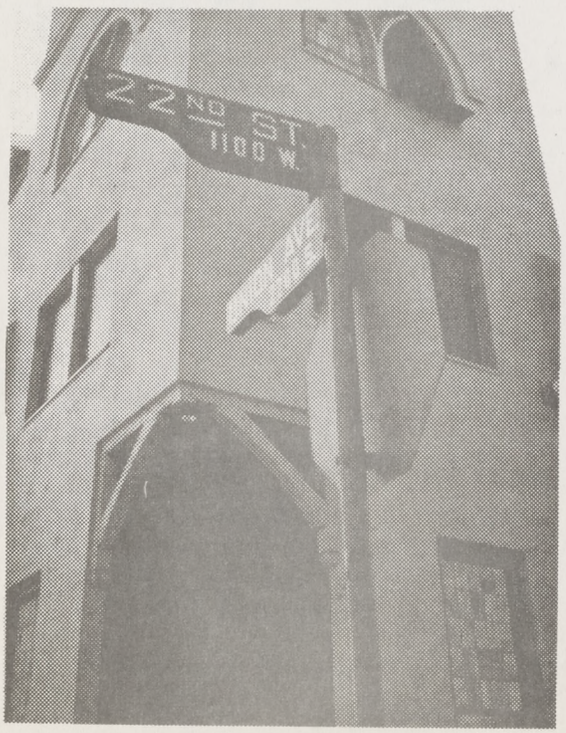
The work crew arrived determined to turn the newly-rented quarters into the Ritz. They took one look at the sad, disheartening firetrap of a slum and decided THAT would be quite a feat.

Quick conference. At least it's ours. It has 17 rooms. Are we game? ... Let's go!!!

Whoom! Brushes whished, rags fluttered, hammers whammed and the surprised house stirred from its forty-year sleep, snorted in shock and promptly grumbled at the outrageous insouciance of these presumptuous characters. Who were they, anyway? Sawed-off levi's indeed!!!







Foto's By Connie Vaughn

OUR CHURCH HOME

We have our Church home! After a long delay caused by title complications, we closed the deal at 8:01 AM on Jan. 14th.

An interesting (and prophetic, maybe) thing happened that morning. Twelve church workers and officials celebrated the event with champagne toasts. Why 12? We don't have any idea. It wasn't planned that way; but I personally feel that the good Lord had directed this play.

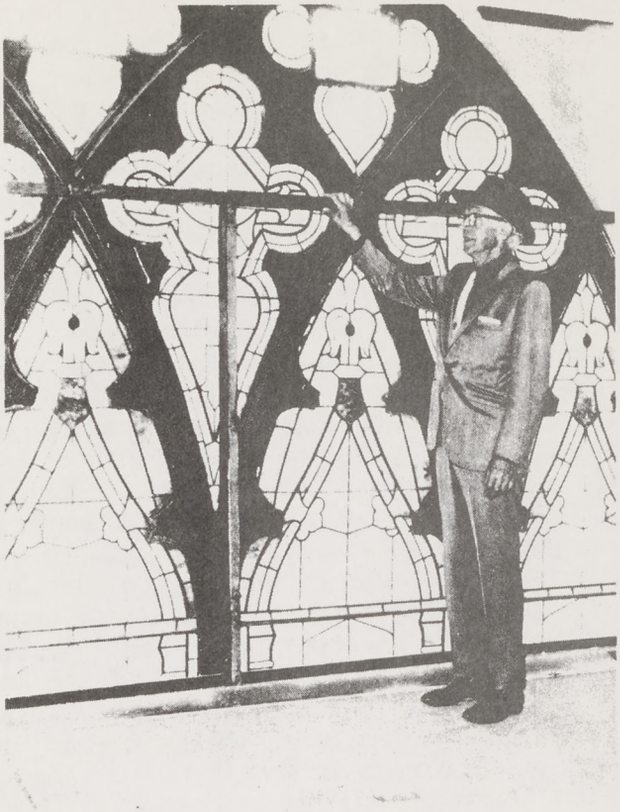
Standing on the steps of the building at 2201 S. Union, Rev. Perry remarked, "This is the happiest day of my life" "Amen", chorused the eleven that had accompanied him.

Councilman Stevens, Assemblyman Willie Brown of San Francisco, and Councilman Bradley will be invited to speak at the dedication service on February 28th.

Working last Wednesday at an unbelievable pace many MCC Members and Friends did the preparatory clean up so that the contractors can begin immediately on renovating the building.

It is a long time since October 13th; when we agreed to buy this structure; and doubts and frustrations were often evident BUT. we made it -

To quote Reverend Perry, "we lose some battles, but will win the war".



WINDOWS

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DEDICATION DAY

1 CHRONICLES 26:27

Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD.

Do miracles still happen? On March 7, 1971, there were many who came to see one. To see the dedication of a church, a church that was founded by a dozen optimistic people on October 6, 1968.

Expecting a big turnout, the church had issued tickets to its 566 Members and Friends and to some special visitors. All were advised to show up between 9:30 and 10:30 A. M. and that at 10:30 A. M. the doors would be opened to the general public.

By 10:15 A. M. every available seat was filled and people were already standing. By 11:00 A. M., at the time for services to start, the ushers had counted 1,012 people.

The permanent seats were not yet installed -- the congregation sat on folding chairs from Abbey Rents. In the main Sanctuary, Christ gazed down from one of a pair of two story high stained-glass windows on an altar gleaming with gold and brass communion artifacts with a red velvet-like background. There was a huge brass colonial chandelier overhead and plush green carpeting underfoot.

Among the guests were several ministers and many members of other churches and missions of the Fellowship, representatives of several gay organizations from the Los Angeles area and elsewhere and even some ministers from some unrelated churches, including Bishop Mark Harding of Colorado. Invitations had been sent to Gov. Ronald Reagan and Los Angeles City Councilman Thomas Bradley. Both sent telegrams stating they were unable to attend, but wanted to express their best wishes.

Mrs. Edith Perry, mother of our Founder and Pastor, Rev. Troy D. Perry, received a standing ovation as did Dr. Evelyn Hooker, head of the National Institute of Mental Health Task Force that recommended to the President of the United States liberalization of laws on homosexual activity.

Service was opened by Music Director Willie Smith singing *The Impossible Dream*. After which he said, "Rev. Perry had the faith and the vision. He had the dream that this would come true; and that dream is not fulfilled yet. This was barely the beginning."

Rev. Hose, Assistant Pastor, bid everyone welcome in the name of Jesus; that the seats maybe were temporary, but our faith in Jesus Christ and the love that God has for us is permanent. Rev. Ploen, Minister of Christian Education, stated that this was a time for thanksgiving to Almighty God that we could meet together, that we could help others and that we had a home we could call our own.

Pastor Rev. Perry, during his sermon, traced the wanderings of MCC-LA. The first services were held in his living room in the suburban town of Huntington Park. When the group soon outgrew his living room, it moved to the Huntington Park Women's Club. When the Women's Club found out that it was a homosexual group, they moved, for a couple of weeks, to the Embassey Auditorium in downtown Los Angeles. From there to the First Methodist Church and finally to the Encore Theater. The Encore was supposed to also be only for a couple of weeks, but we remained there for a year and a half.

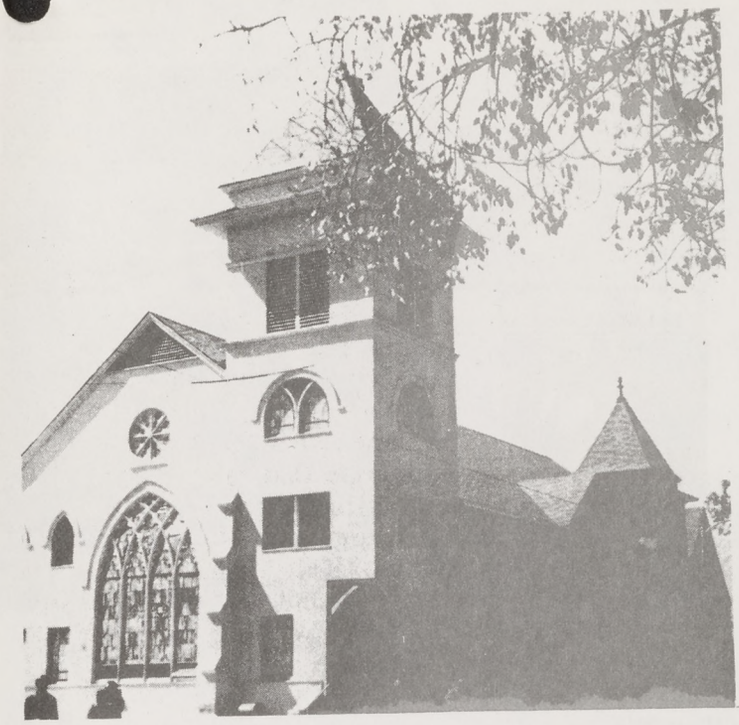
In recalling the frustration of the Israelite King David, whose dream of raising a temple to God had to wait for Solomon, his son and successor, Rev. Perry stated that there had been times when he had wondered if he would really see MCC-LA in a building, a home of its own.

But, he went on to say that a building does not make a church and that if we got too wrapped up in the building and unwrapped in God, we'd fail, like so many other churches have. However, if we continue to look to Him, we *shall* overcome, and we *shall* run the race with prejudice and we *shall* see the end of this thing.

The verbal service was enhanced by the 49 voice combined chancel and gospel choirs, backed by organ, brass and percussion.

Yes it was a miracle, a miracle of love and faith in God. From 12 people to 566 Members and Friends in Los Angeles alone in less than three years. A miracle that has now grown to a nationwide denomination of twelve churches and eight missions, from Hawaii to Florida. And still, as Rev. Perry stated, this *is* barely the beginning.

by Pat Rardin



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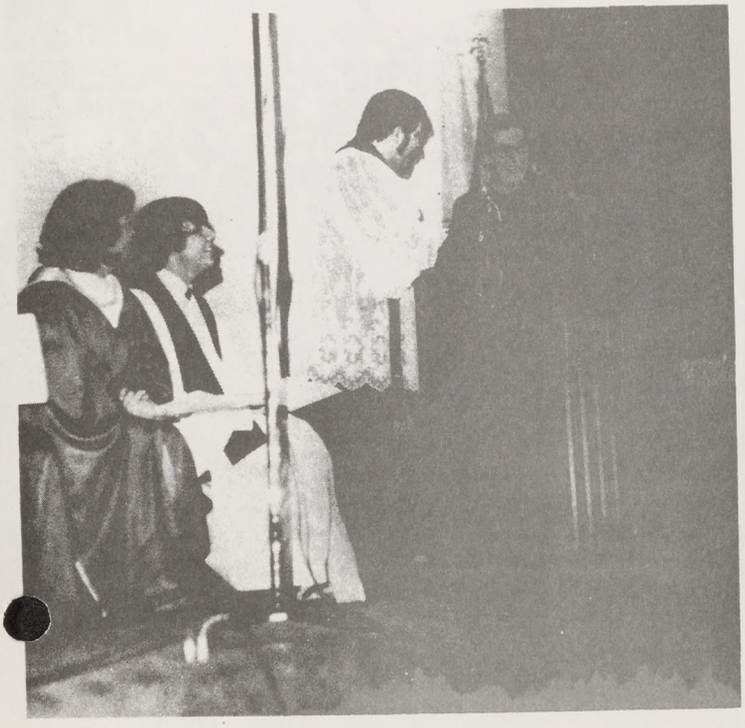

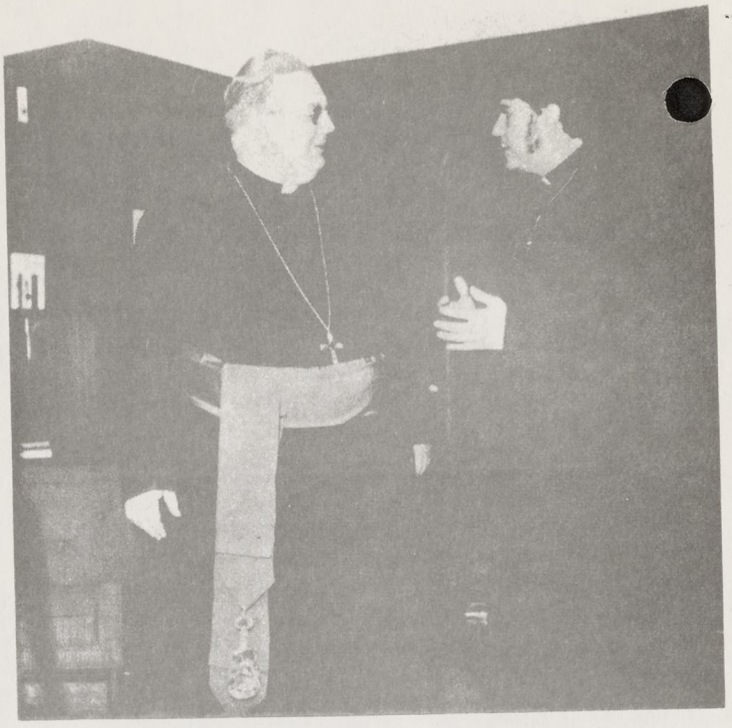

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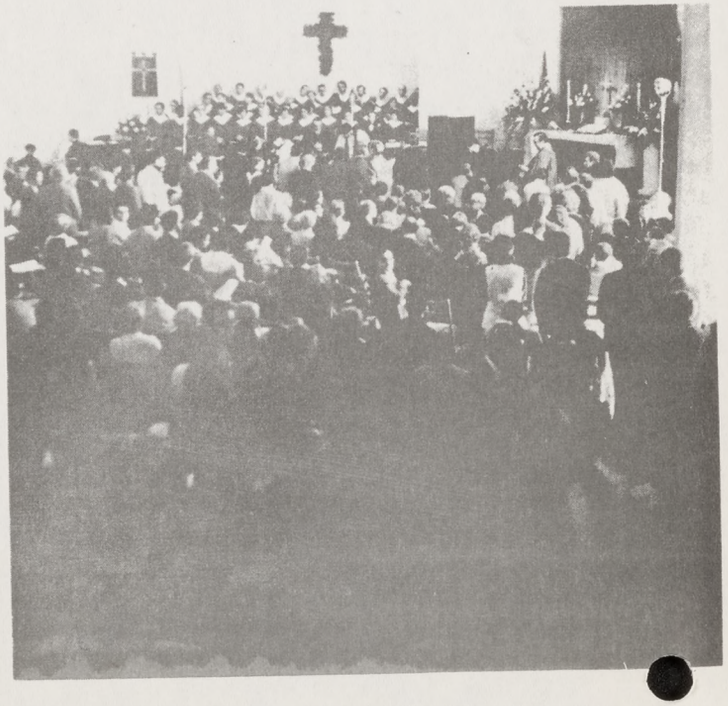

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6:00 P.M.
Bible Study

"UNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY!"
THE METROPOLITAN NEWSLETTER - June 8, 1969
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7:00
Rev. Troy Perry
Speaks

Our Coffee Hour speaker today is Virginia Prince, the leader of America's Transvestites. 8:00 PM with a Discussion and Question/Answer period following.

On previous Sundays, we have had the following speakers: June 1 - James Kepner spoke on The Homosexual and the Church - a dynamic discussion. May 25th. - Stella and Sandy spoke on the Daughters of Bilitis, one of the oldest Homophile groups in California. Prior to this we had Pat Rocco who not only sang in our choir but presented a couple of his best film presentations. On other occasions we had Shadji Freeman from the Queen Mary, a member of a Motorcycle Club, and Rev. Alex Smith from First Methodist Church, downtown.

The Lord works in mysterious way, His wonders to perform! Untill last Sunday, we had been meeting at the Women's Club, in Huntington Park. Having originally begun by meeting in Willie Smith's home, and out-growing it, so we out-grew the Women's Club. Today, this meeting hall, tomorrow - the Auditorium upstairs - which seats 1,600 people - Lord willing.

On Saturday, June 7th the Council on Religion and The Homophile met at the First Methodist Church here in Los Angeles to discuss The Moral Decisions Homosexuals Face. It was attended by approximately twelve ministers and about 100 interested Homo and/or Hetero-sexuals, in a day-long meeting of the minds. Jim Kepner spoke on A Life Without Guidelines which was followed by a panel discussion on the subject "Can The Church Offer Guidance To Practicing Homosexuals". The panelists were Rev. Clarence Colwell of Manhattan Beach Community Church, Rev. Charles H. Lewis, North Beach Mission, Lutheran, of San Francisco, Willie Smith of our Community Church and John Hose of our Community Church. Lunch was served in buffet style, the foodstuffs donated by interested participants to the convocation. Pat Rocco filmed groups of our people as they moved from their cigarette break on the street in front of the church, into the building, or stood about in group discussions which prompted one rather elderly passerby to stop, inquire into our meeting, and then to jump up and down poking is finger at all of us and shouting - "Judas sold Christ's Body for Thirty pieces of Silver", before he moved on down the street. The afternoon session included Discussion Groups, in quiring into the following subjects: "Can You Be Moral While Hiding Your Homosexuality?" led by Prof. Barry Dank; "Promiscuity:The Search For Love And The Search For Sex" led by Perry Dicky; "How Can A Homosexual Be A Christian?" led by Rev. Charles D. Clark; "Why Can't Homosexuals Take Their Problems To Ministers?" led by Lou Loynes; "Homosexuality And The Bible" led by Rev. Pat Johnson and Pat Rocco once again presented his film "Discovery" for the commentary. This was followed by a chicken dinner, (Colonel Sanders) A dynamic worship service was presented by Rev. Perry and the members of our church in the sanctuary of First Methodist. The halls rang with exuberance of their singing, and the Spirit of God was truly present to bring this day of discussion and inquiry into the lives of the Church and the Homosexual to a close. To quote from the Program from the day's activities - "We have only begun yo open the door, so long closed, between the Homosexual and the Church. Can you help us with this task of reconciliation?" We pray God's blessing upon these our initial attempts to close the gap of misunderstandings.

Remember: Saturday June 14th - Our Swimming Party at Will Rogers State Beach - 10:00 AM Bring your own lunch and beach ball!

Sunday: June 15th - Our Coffee Hour Speaker will be Robert Frey speaking on E.S.P.
Sunday: June 22nd- Our Get-Acquainted Coffee Hour. Come and make new friends.
Sunday: June 29th - Dinner with the Congregation at 8:00 PM Donation $1.25.

MY FAVORITE VERSE: "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. Psalms 34:6 - Fred Schwarzbeck.

OUR SUNDAY PROFILE: He is originally from Florida. He was married heterosexually, and has two sons. He preached on the revival circuit of numerous Southern towns and laboured under the conviction of the great need for spiritual reformation and acceptance for the Homosexual. Out of his concern for those of our community who have been illegally arrested or lost their jobs due to their sexual mores, he founded Metropolitan Community Church with the assistance of several close and interested friends. Their hopes and aspirations for Metropolitan are for a closer relationship for the homophile community, for our own Sanctuary and Community House, a Bookstore, new avenues of Communication with Society as a whole, Law Reforms and for greater empathy and understanding between homosexuals themselves. A dedicated and richly spiritual man, who, along with his spouse, Gary Alexander, guide Metropolitan Community Church - Reverend Troy Perry.

We have various Workshops and Discussion Groups which are held weekly. Among them are the following: Marital Relations, held this past week at the home of Fred Schwarzbeck, and will be continued this Thursday evening at 7:30 at the home of Jim Kepner, 2141 Baxter Street, L.A. Tele: 664-4701. The Drama Workshop, Wednesday evening 7:30 at the home of David Miles, 1025 N. Mariposa #1, Hollywood - Tele: 664-8758, studying cold-reading, improvisations and listening to recordings of Broadway plays. An Alcholics Anonymous Group was formed this week - those interested in this vital area please contact Mr. Al Black. Choir practice is held on Wednesday evenings. We need more choir members. Please contact Bob Hunter at 597-0914. Prayer Meeting this past week was held at the house of Pat Vestal and Ron Montelius. Bible Study was conducted on Sunday evening at 6:00 by Wayne Schotten.

If you are in trouble, please call our answering service (589-4528) and you will be contacted as soon as possible. Attorneys, Doctors or counselors are available to aid you in dealing with nearly any difficulty which may arise.

Our forthcoming Rummage Sale needs your donation of furniture, odds and ends, clothing or anything else that has sat in your closet, garage or attic for storage that you really don't need. Call John Kudla at 863-8993. Items of greater value which might be available for auction will help to enlarge our building fund.

Our Building Fund continues to grow. The Groovy Guy Contest, sponsored by The Advocate will donate the proceeds of their ticket sales to us and we thank God for their support. We now have approximately $3,000.00 and our goal is for our own Sanctuary. We received $1,500.00 from our May Festival, May 10th, in which many individuals took part in the entertainment, and Robert Hansen was crowned Queen of the May with Tony Loun as Princess. All proceeds from our Newspaper Drive (incidently - call Glen 376-8024 for paper pick-up) and Rummage Sale will go to increase this amount. We do need your help.
Our Pastor, Rev. Troy Perry, married Melinda Webb to Neal Napier, and five other couples during the month of May and the first week of June. We wish them all a long and rewarding life together, with the blessing of God upon them.
Attendance each Sunday has continued to grow. June 1st: 284 - May 25th 277. Our Offering last Sunday was $340.02 and the previous Sunday $348.40.
Anyone wishing to join a sewing circle to aid in making our Choir robes, (or in finishing up needle-point or quilts or what-have-you) please contact the Newsletter. The Circle will meet weekly, sewing vestments or other items needed by our congregation untill they have been completed.
Beginning in July, tapes of previous sermons by Rev. Perry will be available to our Congregation at nominal prices. These will also be printed in booklet form at a later date. The prices to be announced later.
In this first issue of the Newsletter, if we have overlooked any group or newsworthy item, it was not intentional. We welcome news of interest to our community and congregation. Please contact the telephone number listed at the top of page 1.
Many members are performing missionary work in all related areas of the Homophile Community. One potential member is now in Europe enlarging the scope of our existance as a voice for the Homophile. Pledge to tell a friend, or a stranger, and invite them to share with us in this truly Ecumenical movement, and bring unity to our Community.
Our Board members are: John Hose (938-5000), Lou Loynes (566-3270), Tom Terreri, William Smith (581-9284), Richard Ploen 714-633-8821), Melinda Napier (831-1109), Beryl Clawson (597-0914), Lee Sharp (569-5123), Rev. Troy Perry (589-4528)

GOD BLESS YOU!

From Newsletter Vol. 1 #2

Rev. Perry has been invited to meet with 4 deaf members of our Community to aid them in increasing our attendance and interest for other deaf individuals. A social worker with California State, interested in our work will attend and will become our interpreter for our deaf brothers in a special section to be set up for them in each of our meetings. We thank God for their interest and welcome them to our meetings.

From Newsletter Vol. 1 #4

ON COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET

These past two weeks have shown the fruits of labor in the far too frequently neglected field of concern for the homosexual and his problems. Four weeks ago the first edition of the MCC Newsletter came out at Rev. Perry's request. They were printed and presented in trepidation. I had overheard someone say, at Church, "We'll have a Church Newsletter someday, We'll have a Community house someday, We'll offer discussion groups someday, We'll have suicide prevention someday. All of these marvelous things we will present to our congregation and the larger world as a project of Our Community Church - someday. And I could not help but remember my own suicide attempt of some eight years before. How terribly desperate - how lonely - how empty it all was - and how immediately 'now'. There was no one to call - there was no one I knew who even cared, and the words I overheard "someday" jarred me. How many guys, how many girls, I asked myself, feel they have nobody "now" who cares whether they live or die, or if they have problems which oppress them, and something deep within me stirred - that "still, small voice" that commands one to step out and become separate. And then Troy Perry preached. Man how he stirred the congregation. The "still small voice" breathed upon other individuals and the words were "Burn Your Bridges Behind You" and "Step Out for God!" Tears flowed from several eyes which were averted, One man arranged to sell his business as a direct result of that sermon. One man released his telephone number to the public at large, inviting anyone who was experiencing depression to call, day or night, to talk about it. Another man cemented his relationship with his roommate by talking out their difficulities while another increased his offering to MCC almost depriving himself and still another went out to visit a bereaved friend to comfort him. The telephone began ringing and depressed individuals sought help from a source that they felt would not condemn them, and in less than two weeks 9 major counseling sessions had been given, and 9 lonely, desperate people began to relax a little, began to search themselves for greater understanding and began to release that magnificent love which is man's birthright. The Discussion Groups took on new flavor and enthusiasm, seeking answers merely skirted before and in retrospect, those of us who had "Come Out of the Closet" could see that God had truly "MOVED UPON THE WATERS OF MCC".

David Miles

MCC BLOOD BANK IS A REALITY

Last week we mentioned it, this week, we have it. Our own account with The American Red Cross, 1130 S. Vermont - Ph 384-5261. Each individual who gives blood receives credit of 2 pints for his credit and 1 for MCC merely by putting MCC down as his preferred Blood Credit Group. They are open Mon thru Fri from 8:30 to 8:30, Sat and Sun 10:00 to 2:30. Those of our congregation who reside in Orange County can give blood to MCC's account to the mobile units which circulate in that area and is announced in their local papers. Any individual who is a member of Our Community or who is related to a member of Our Community is eligible to receive blood upon his or her application at the time of need. This is a good method of taking care or our own problems before they arise - and exercise our faith.

From Newsletter Vol. 1 #10
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Someone absolutely delightful came forward last Sunday to join the Church, Rev. Perry's own mother. We welcome you with warmth and enthusiasm, Mrs. Perry. Lets see now, that makes it 140 members and 14 friends. That figure doesn't seem right, does it? I'm sure twice that many attend regularly and participate. Should we invite them, say we'd like to have them? We need each other. Maybe I should interrupt what I'm doing a second and join myself. I never have, and Troy's wondering why not, maybe I'm a hetero spy? Troy I'm just too busy pulling people out of the drink to bother. Titles aren't important to me. I see something that needs doing, so I jump in & do it w/out waiting to be crowned. But it was embarrassing at Odair's to talk so much about MCC and then to be introduced as the founder, when I haven't even joined yet. Well if I must.

Don Showman

From Newsletter Vol. 11 #32

GUESS WHO THIS IS:

This person is vitally interested in MCC. He wants it to succeed because he wants his fellowmen who might be in the same predicament he is, to have help available whenever they may need it. He wants unreasonable laws changed. He wants to help MCC reach out with speakers, publications, a large-enough church home, and many qualified ministers. This person is interested enough, that he considers MCC in his budget whan he is allotting his money to necessities, pleasures, etc., and makes sure MCC gets it on a regular basis. He's grateful for what the Church has done for him, and works to help out where he can. This is a wounderful person. A child of God. A friend of the friendless. Have you guessed who ti might be?
It is you. Fill in your name at the top.

From Newsletter Vol. 111 # 32
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FRIDAY NIGHT AT A WORKING CHURCH

Our Church building was certainly buzzing with activity on Friday, May 14th. Donn and I arrived at 8:00 p.m. and met Howard Coburn at the front door. "Every floor is occupied with some function tonight", he told us. "The Church is full!"

The drawing room was the scene of the seventh meeting of the Couples Club. Thirty-four men and women were present.

Downstairs in the Social Hall, the Long Beach Parish and their Deacon Karen Gregg, were hosting a spaghetti dinner and party for about forty hungry Christians. Upstairs in the Publications Office Editor Connie Vaughn & Pat, Patti & Marie, Spider & Quinn, Don Hughes and Tom Purcell were feverishly making preparations to print and assemble the Sunday issue of the MCC NEWS.

In the Personal Services Area the great people connected with C.I.C. were staffing the Hotline, exemplifying a truly Christian concern for their fellow man.

A dance was in progress in the smaller auditorium, music and voices filling the air, while from the upstairs office at the other end of the building came the determined sound of Herb Pomeroy typing steadyily away, trying to complete the never-ending (and ever-increasing) flow of work. In a storage room upstairs two men were attempting to assemble or repair a large light fixture.

Do you ever feel foolishly sentimental over an inanimate object? That's how I felt about our church building that evening as I thought of the dynamic mixture of industrious activity, serious concern, fun and fellowship taking place under its roof.

As the years before us pass and the Metropolitan Denomination becomes solidly established, there will inevitably be a larger Church; one that will have a better work flow, good ventilation, and possibly richer appointments. But wherever God leads us, this first historical piece of real estate will always have a special place in our hearts.

- Al Correa

Rally's organizers see God's hand in rainbow

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A VIEW FROM THE PEW

"FIRST SUNDAY - OCT. 3rd"
By Al Correa

Deacon Tom Purcell opened services today by reading a piece of his own from MCC NEWS. You can read the complete text in Issue #51, page 9. The Chancel Choir was really first rate today! There were 21 present and their delivery was crisp. It was good to see Bill Green back. Bill and F. D. Craig sang a duet at one point which was finely executed.

Asst. Pastor John Hose welcomed us, saying "Every once in a while we hear the phrase 'Isn't Jesus wonderful!' If you take the Evangel to heart you just want to go out into the streets and spread the word of God. I used to think Rev. Moody (who would stop persons in the street to ask 'Brother, are you saved?') was an oddball. That was before I knew I was an oddball too!" Rev. Hose enjoined us to remember that we are our brother's brother and that every Sunday is going to be an Evangel Sunday if we take a vow that we're going to share it with a new visitor.

Rev. Lou Loynes then led us in Responsive Reading, after which Rev. Richard Ploen said: "The church has this month celebrated three years of existence. As we enter into our fourth year we urge you to pray for your enemies." Commenting then on some persons who were in particular need, Rev. Ploen led us in Silent & Pastoral Prayer, saying: "Our Father, we come before thee. We know the way is open for all holy and reverent souls. Thou art our only true and dependable friend. We may be tragically deceived by other human beings, forsaken by our mothers and fathers, but Thou art always with us. May God's blessing be on this church. Bless our Members... May they scorn retreat that Christ may be honored. Preserve us from spiritual pride."

The Chancel Choir then surprised everyone by rising to sing "Happy Birthday" to Rev. Ploen.

Our Pastor introduced many guests, among them Mr. & Mrs. Tim Manning from Chicago; Julie Schuman's mother; Greg & Bruce Eberhard from Dallas; Walt from Miami; and Rev. David Solomon, Pastor of the New Orleans Mission. Also present was a man visiting from Canada; Prodigal Editor John Wild and Bill Rand from San Diego.

Rev. Perry read today from ISAIAH Ch. 1, after which he spoke of the day of pentecost, that day in which the Holy Ghost descended upon the apostles. "On October 6, 1968" said Rev. Perry "we saw another day of pentecost. MCC hadn't been organized more than six months when we had a call from a boy whose lover had taken an overdose of sleeping pills." The boy was rushed to a hospital and recovered—his lover was calmed and counselled. Continuing, Rev. Perry spoke of the importance of our Crisis Intervention Committee, saying: "I've watched some of their people work 8-hour shifts... There are times when we forget Personal Services, but this church is Survival Concious!" He reminded us, too, that even if everybody else fails us, God cares.

Rev. Perry's closing prayer said: "Thank you, God, because You care. Hold us close to You... Help those who are in mental turmoil. Let them know that we love them, that we're not going to push them down, but we're going to pull them up..."

This being First Sunday, ten Communicants were presented before the Membership. Nine were applying as Members (3 women and 6 men). One man applied as a Registered Friend. Rev. Perry said "You may not believe this, but we don't have a single florist or hairdresser."

(A VIEW FROM THE PEW - Cont'd)

After services many brothers and sisters gathered in the Social Hall to compose telegrams and write letters to our assemblymen urging a 'yes' vote on the Brown Bill. It was an impressive show of the solidarity we can demonstrate when motivated by a common cause.

God bless you 'til I see you again next Sunday.

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"Sorry, Al, it wasn't accidental." Ed.

CONGRATULATIONS!

As Head of the Church Services Committee I would like to take this opportunity to tell each and every person that is presently working with the Altar, Ushering & Greeting Committees of the fine job they have done and are doing. I would also, like to thank those who have helped in the past and have resigned for various reasons.

There is a lot more to these jobs than the eyes see, as if you decide to become a part of us, you will see for yourself.

If there is anyone interested in joining into our endeavors, would you please contact Gloyd West, Altar Chairman; John Epley, Head Greeter; Ron Bessler, Howard Barr & Richard Pentico, Head Ushers or myself.

Secondly, I have just appointed Rusty Carlson as our new Head Usher as of October 3, 1971 to take Richard Pentico's place due to his anticipated resignation with the Ushers to join forces with another committee of the church.

Thanks, once again and may God be with you.

Church Services
Lee Sharp

CANDIDATE RICHARD ALATORRE SPEAKING

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1971, Richard Alatorre, who is running for Assemblyman of the 48th District, will be speaking at Spider & Quinns. The address is 3845 Latrobe St. in Highland Park, for directions call 223-8692. Those of you who live in Silver Lake, Glendale, Elysian Heights, Highland Park, Glassell Park, Mt. Washington, Happy Valley, Lincoln Heights, West Alhambra, El Sereno, Echo Park, Chavez Ravine, are expected to be there. This is the only way you can determine if you really want to vote for this man. It is really up to you. At Tom and Don's house last week there were only 15 people present to hear Mr. Ochoa speak. If this is the interest you have in your community then I suggest you take a long look in the mirror. THINK! You may be the next one to be arrested by our antiquated laws. This is the only way we can better our community, by all of us learning what it is that needs to be changed, and who is the best person to do the job. As I said before, if you are a member of our community, it is your obligation to yourself to know what is going on with the laws. I expect to see a good turnout. If you don't live in the area, this makes no difference because the questions you may ask will benefit all of us. Perhaps a statement you make will stimulate new thoughts for all of us. This is the way we can show our candidates that there are people in our community with a true interest in pushing the homophile community and are interested in the world we live in. I am taking a very strong view of this matter because I love and care about my brothers and sisters. I only hope you are kind enough to do the same and meet with us in my home. It is also very important that you attend the General Meeting of the Mother Church on Saturday Oct. 31, 1971 and cast your ballot for the people that you honestly feel will fulfill the obligation. If you do not feel that you know a candidate well enough, stop him or her and ask them questions to find out how they will fulfill the position. Don't feel embarrassed, you have every right as a member to know how your prospective church officers feel.

Your Building Administrator
Terry (Spider) Luton

BROWN'S BILL DEFEATED! WE LOST IT!

The Assembly floor is a busy bee hive. People milling around, TV people getting ready. It's obviously,preparation for a newsworthy event. The voting boards on both left and right sides of the front wall list all the names of the Assemblymen. Their vote is registered in red and a yes vote is in green with the total of each quickly listed on the top.

Several quick issues were voted upon. Many Assemblymen were not present at 10 AM, but by 10:45, very few seats were vacant. Finally, Mr. Willie Brown spoke and began the debate on his Bill 437.

Mr. Walter J. Karabian (D) Monterey Park, was the next speaker for the Bill. He mentioned that 53% of our prisoners in jail, are there for victimless crimes. He asked for a stop to the practice of using so many police in vice and wasting time and money enforcing this type of law.

E. Richard Barnes, (R), from San Diego, the 78th Assembly District, began the many speakers against the Brown Bill who used the Bible as their defense. He quoted passages from Leviticus, Romans and 1st Corinthians. Assemblyman Newton R. Russell (R) from Burbank also rose to speak against the Brown Bill and quoted from Corinthians and Timothy.

John T. Knox, (D), from Richmond, then rose and spoke for the Bill as did John Vasconcellos (D), from Campbell. John L. Burton, (D), San Francisco, who helped draft the Brown Bill then rose to say everyone should be allowed personal freedom to "do their thing" and that he has just about the largest concentration of gay people in his district.

W.C. Biddle, (R) Riverside, then spoke of the Law of Accomplice and the Search & Seizure Law and that the victims in crimes of sex might not be any particular person but the "victim is society as a whole."

John J. Miller, (D), of Oakland rose and spoke for the Brown Bill and was followed by Robert H. Burke, (R) Huntington Beach, who was against the bill.

Mike Cullen, (D), Long Beach, speaking for the bill said 25% of the Police were assigned to the Vice Squad and he wanted to pass the bill to place the Police into more meaningful work. He said we should "Love one another."

Frank Lanterman (R) from Pasadena, then returned to the Bible to quote sections that were against homosexuality. Ken Mead (D) from Oakland rose to speak for the Bill. He mentioned the fact that many representatives had to vote for their constituents. Since he felt that they as elected assemblymen were assumed to have some special abilities and qualities to lead their people and that they should also vote and decide on issues according to their own consciences. He used Edmond Burke as an elected representative in 1776 as he voted against his constituents but according to his own conscience.

Dixon Arnett (R) from Redwood City, rose and spoke against the Bill, confusing the issue with questions of the result of solicitation, asking if passing this bill would legalize anyone soliciting his wife. Willie Brown effectively answered him later saying that the Assemblymen on the Committees who had already considered these points had already answered this point in the beginning. He said that the Brown Bill had no reference or change to the Solicitation Law.

Robert G. Beverly (R) from Redondo Beach was the last to speak and he was for it. With a total of 15 people speaking, 9 were for it and 6 were against it. I was keeping score and getting my hopes up. The vote was called and the electronic system quickly showed 29 for and 38 against with 13 not voting. These 13 abstainers were seemingly afraid to vote for it and thus commit political suicide. If they had the courage the bill would have been passed.

Generally, the older Assemblymen were Republicans and voted against the Brown Bill. The younger ones were Democrats and were for it. The old timers used the Bible for their defense of the social moral standards. Willie Brown rebutted the Bible quoters saying anything and any point can be found in the Bible to defend it. Also that we do not follow the Bible word for word. Christ's repeated stories and examples of love and forgiveness is His real message. The younger men gave good valid points for the Brown Bill. I heartily recommend we as grateful voters to write to those who voted for this Bill in order to keep them knowing that we appreciate their interest and want to keep their vote. THEN after this is done we can begin a strong campaign to persuade those who were against it. That is if you REALLY do care what happens to your own gay self.

Marty Seneca
Asst. Editor

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH--
THIRD ANNIVERSARY

This month Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles is celebrating its third anniversary. This Christian denomination is one of the fastest growing denominations there is. Why? Besides the obvious fact that most so-called Christian churches will not admit a known homosexual, there are other reasons.

In 1948 a World Council of Churches was formed in order to unite Christians all over the world. The idea was and is good, but that World Council is now destroying the faith of many in the churches that are part of that organization.

Early in 1970 this World Council gave $200,000.00 to 19 different groups in Africa. Of these 19 groups, 14 of them were guerrilla, terrorist groups. Christians should and do believe in freedom for all, but shouldn't Christians care about the method used to obtain that freedom? Should Christian churches give money to buy arms and explosives for the causing of death and property destruction?

Later in 1970 this same World Council gave $210,000.00 to finance draft dodgers. Whether you believe in the war in Viet Nam or not, should the Christian church finance law breaking? Actually give people money so that they can break the law?

MCC is a Christian church and as such believes in the teachings of Christ. Christ died on the cross in obedience to the law. Christ died on the cross rather than have riots, death and destruction. Christ died for us. Should we then show our appreciation by supporting terror groups or making it possible and helping to break the law. Well this is what the World Council of Churches is doing. These same churches that are horrified at having a homosexual in their midst.

In three years Metropolitan Community Church has grown from 12 people meeting in the living room of one minister to 19 churches and missions and many more in the formative stage right now. Which is really Christian? MCC? Or a lot of church denominations that have been around for a few hundred years and thus feel safe in condoning death, destruction and law breaking?

Pat Rardin

THE SILENT CHOIR

The Silent Choir meets each Monday evening at 7:30 PM in the Choir practice room, upstairs.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Silent Choir, please join us on Monday evening. You need not know any sign language to join. Our leader, Jim Curtis, will teach you.

We now have 3 girls and would like to have more of you women with us.

BEACH PARISH ---

Dear Members & Friends of MCC:

May I say at this time to all of you who sent in their donation for the Church Plaque, thank you and God bless each and everyone of you. Your help made it possible for us to pay for it, also all of you who attended the Sunday Brunch. I do hope you enjoyed it. We at the Beach Parish are very fortunate to have such wonderful and great brothers and sisters who believe in unity, and love for one another. Again, may I say our blessings are in your heart.

Thank you,
Beach Parish

LONG BEACH PARISH

The Long Beach Parish met with Rev. Perry the 29th of last month to discuss our future church. As of now we have signed 23 people as prospective members, and will wait for the Board's decision on being a mission. Now our parish plans to seek a permanent building to meet in. Later if possible our mission will begin there. More news from Long Beach soon.

VALLEY VIEW

The good turn-out at our last parish meeting brought home something to all who were present. Metropolitan Community Church may have a lot of social functions, and many of our members may feel a need to be entertained frequently, but there are within our congregation many many hard-working dedicated people, and people who are interested in learning more about the various groups which exist within the church.

Mr. Larry Long, Chairman of CIC, was our guest speaker for the evening. Also present was Mr. Roland Bibolet, the Co-Chairman.

For those of you who know little of this group, we suggest you have Larry and/or Roland talk with your parish members. True, as was stated, no organization is perfect and once in awhile you'll hear a rumor about CIC - before you repeat it, talk with some of these people - for no group such as this can operate effectively without the complete confidence of the ones who come to them seeking help and guidance.

Most of the CIC people hold down regular jobs and put time in on the phones - at night or in the morning before they go to work. It's not easy to listen to someone else's problems all night, and then be bright and chipper on your job the next day. Try it sometime. Larry stressed the fact that they need people to man the phones during the day, and surely some of you who are not working at present could find a great deal of Christian uplift knowing that the few hours you donate may well be the answer to some lonely person's needs. Just someone to talk to - someone who cares that they are alive. Surely the darkest pit - the truest hell must be to awaken and feel that no one knows who and what you are, and no one cares. YOU CAN HELP CHANGE THAT!

Our deep appreciation to Larry and Roland for joining us in fellowship and sharing with us the work they are doing.

For the next three months the Valley Parish will meet only once a month because of the coming holiday season.

Our next meeting will be held on October 19 at 7:30 PM at the home of Richard Martin and Jay Himes, 5511 Sunnyslope, Sherman Oaks, 994-2946.

We plan a Halloween party - costumes are in order, but not necessary, however, you must not purchase or rent costumes. It's a "Use Your Imagination Comic Costume" party. Look around your house and pick a costume. Prizes will be given; 1 for the best comic outfit and a booby-prize.

We are looking forward to seeing you there. Join us and bring a friend.

THE VALLEY PARISH

CANYON CLUB PARTY - Y'ALL COME

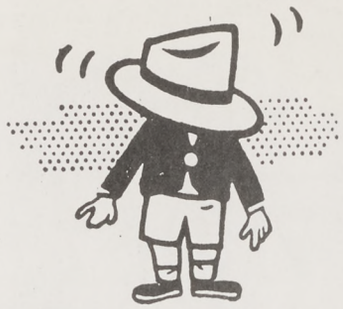
To get there, take the Ventura Freeway to Topanga Canyon South. Follow Topanga Canyon Blvd. through the hills. Look for a Club on the left called "Topanga Corral Club." Then, 8/10 mile farther you will cross a cement bridge. Then turn a sharp left. Go 9/10 mile and you're there.

The date is Saturday, October 16. Festivities will get under way shortly after 8 PM. There will be lots of dancing. We hope you will buy your tickets today. But in case you have a last minute guest, we have made arrangements for you to get tickets at the door.

Hollywood has yet to see the likes of the show we have in store for you. I don't mind admitting we put on a much more polished performance in Church every Sunday -- than you will see on the stage at the Canyon Club. On the other hand, we are just bursting with potential talent which a discerning audience (such as you) cannot fail to see.

These remarks apply only to our own part of the show. The manifest charms and talents of the fabulous Michelle of San Francisco will be as much in evidence, as ours are, hidden. So join us at the Canyon Club. We are gonna have ourselves a time!

Ben Taylor



SEZ THE MAD HATTER

Now, lets see...what was I going to ramble on about this week? Oh, I know, it was "Special" games for special parties.

Are you all keyed up? Are you sitting on the edge of your___! Well, just relax because these games are not that kind....I'll leave those up to your own imagination, which I hope should be much improved by now. By special games, I mean ones that will fit the particular party that you happen to be throwing. For example, let's pick a St. Valentines day---all right all you lovers, pay attention now...party.

Some very interesting games are: Broken Hearts, Toss The Heart, and Silver Screen Lovers.

Now , to explain: Broken Hearts--take some pictures of men(and women if your party is mixed)and glue them onto a piece of heart shaped paper, then cut each heart in half and give one half to each guest. The object of the game is to match the two halves...isn't that clever..together. It's much more fun if you can get each couple to end up with matching hearts. This game creates a wild scramble for half hearted people (how's that for a pun) to get together and is loads of fun.

The Toss The Heart picture game is a variation on "pin the tail on the donkey"...really, who wants a donkey's tail anyway?

What you do is to get a large picture of a man and one of a woman--both nude--the point is to toss a heart shaped piece of cardboard or light wood so that it will cover a part of the picture--you'll just have to guess which part!

Now,on to the Silver Screen Lovers. Get some love scenes from various movies and glue them onto colored paper. Then have the guests try and name the persons involved in the scene. The older the movies the better the game.

For your other parties, such as: Easter, 4th of July, Halloween,Christmas, New Years, etc...I'm sure by now that you can create some of your own Fun Games, that would tie into your particular party. If not, well, if you really want to, I guess you can contact me...if I don't see you first.

Now that you've digested all of this, I'll let you rest while I prepare another dish for you next week. This time I'll keep you in suspense...And as Sherlock Holmes would say..."Come along Watson".

The Ole Mad Hatter
Dick Durant

HOLLYWOOD PARISH

Last Tuesday evening, our guest speaker was Rev. Jon Bullock, who made the point that we too often stress the "Sexual" part of "Homosexual". Asking if a homosexual can be saved, he said "No, but a PERSON can be saved." One's sexuality does not come into the question of salvation.

Rev. Bullock then quoted passages from St. Paul, explaining them in terms of St. Paul's own times and giving St. Paul's own definition of lust.

A period of questions and comments followed, during which several good points were made, among which the point that sex dominated even our decision on how to put sex in its place behind Christ and Love and Fellow Man. John Gooch and Lyle then gave us a very informative talk on the upcoming coffee house in Hollywood.

If you live in Hollywood and would like to attend, please watch for announcements in the News Calendar section or contact Ralph Parham at 660-2042. All are welcome, so bring your friends too.

Our secretary was unable to attend so I am substituting for him and we will all welcome Jerry back at the next meeting.

Yours in Christ,
Dale Brown

ANNOUNCING!!

GROOVY GUY BRUNCH OCT. 24 SPONSORED BY OUR CRISIS INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

Hey MCC Guys and Gals: Here is something new. How would you like to have a great brunch, get a chance to meet that great wonderful Groovy Guy Jim E. Hughes and his friends, Bob Nelson, Don Barnes and Scot Arden? All of this and put together with smooth narration by Allen Taylor of Ah Men and Charles Lucas. ---A SURPRISE--- There will be Ah Men catalogs for you Brunchers.

See them all model the latest fashions from Hollywood's Ah Men Shop! Too good to be true? All of this will happen right after church, 1:30 PM, October 24th in the Church Social Hall. And it's all for a good cause. Proceeds will go to support our Crisis and Counseling work.

Just think -- for $2.00 you can have a delicious meal by our Groovy Gourmet cooks, catch up on what the well dressed male will be sporting this winter and see the Grooviest Guys wearing them. Music, Color slides, prizes and surprises too!!

One of our best bargains, you can get your ticket from any CIC member, CIC Office or up in Rev. Perry's Office.

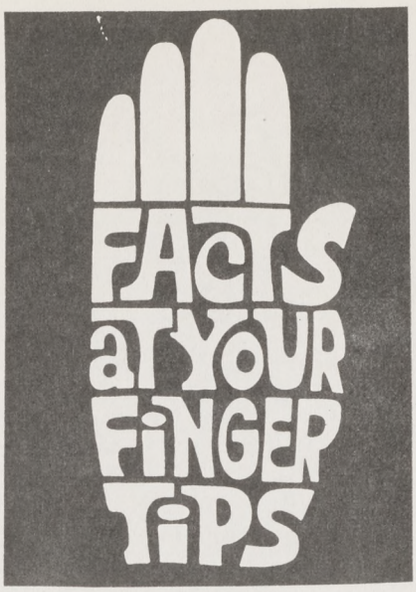
Good causes can be fun. Mark your calendar NOW: October 24th MCC Social Hall.

GROOVY GUY BRUNCH $2.00

DEAR ABBY: What would you say about a man who goes to church every Sunday and can never tell you what the sermon was about, but he can tell you what everybody wore?

WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: I'd say he's better at looking than listening.



DISCUSSION GROUP: "Ethics"

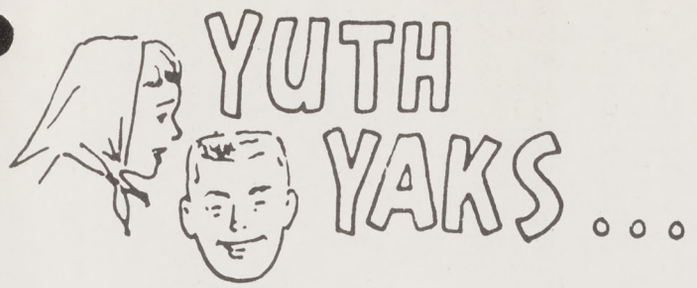
Tuesday, October 12th, 7:30 PM, Seminary Room, Hal Young, Chairman of the group,will talk-scan the broad subject of "Ethics", the science which treats of the nature and laws of the actions of intelligent beings, considered in relation to their moral qualities, moral obligations, human duty.

Come, bring a friend or two or three,listen to scholarly Hal refresh and stimulate our thinking on the multifarious principles of right action, the rules by which we live our daily lives and relate to each other in all our activities.

Your church is a brilliant example of new and tremendous efforts to better the human condition. It is succeeding so wonderfully that today Metropolitan Community Church and dynamic Troy Perry, its founder-pastor, are names and energies which command attention and respect in national media, in Los Angeles, in California, in legislative halls of the nation. MCC isn't just a church, it's a fast growing institution of concern for the human condition, exercising instant actions of helpfulness in every facet of community needs.

Come, listen, ask questions, orally explore your own thinking and objectives--for yourself and others. Become involved in the aging and confused 20th Century's most promising reformation.

Hank



COME-ON AND SEE ABOUT US.

Well there's a big issue planned this week, so I'll try to make this sweet, short and to the point.

We're having another dance. The tentative date is November 12th. It will be a Costume Dance. We are asking people to wear costumes of their national origin, e.g. Dashiki, sombrero, etc. The price of the tickets are $1. And for those who missed the last dance you will not want to miss this as it's going to be bigger and better.

Don't foget our meetings are every 1st and 3rd Friday and Rap-Sessions are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Our only requirement is that you be from 13-20 and want to have fun. Until next week, keep the faith,Babe.

Ray Hicks
Moderator
MCC Youth Group

SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS

An old Spanish proverb states, "To survive and to live in luxury is the sweetest revenge." The phrase serves to pull lots of people out of the doldrums, out of those fits of depression that set some of us on a road to ruin, and ultimately to a self-destruct program of our own making.

The means of survival are always at hand, but to live in luxury takes a bit more effort, and a lot more skill. The payoffs are sweeter.

One can cruise around in a mild state of chronic well being. Tune in to Survivors Anonymous. It meets each Monday at 7 P.M. in the Sommers Room here at MCC. Everyone is welcome. The only ticket to admission is having at one time or another a wish to self destruction. Try Survivors Anonymous first.

HELP! WE NEED HOUSING!

As we all know, because many of our brothers and sisters need a temporary place to stay, we need emergency housing. Personal Services receives numerous requests for housing each week, and it is tremendously difficult to find willing people on short notice. This is an important outreach service of the church, which needs the support and participation of all of us.

If you have any room to house a temporary guest, please pickup an application blank in Personal Services.

WHERE ON EARTH TO GET THE HELP?

HELP!! H - E - L - P - P - P !

Yes friends, we do need <u>your</u> help. Beulahland is having birth pains, (as did most of us, I assume) so you know what it's like. We haven't got a building, but we've got one picked out. You have three guesses as to what is stopping us! So, if you feel that the Coffeehouse is a needed and vital outreach of our church and you have a few extra shekels in your purse; we would appreciate every penny given toward this missionary outreach.

If you don't see the need of a Coffeehouse, take a little time and talk to us or Rev. Perry. This Church needs a missionary outreach to the street people of Hollywood Blvd. And we need it now! We, as Christians must go out into the highways and byways and not hide our light under the roof of 2201 S. Union. Let's let the Lord lead and get <u>our</u> ministry going in Hollywood.

Also, we still need your cable spools, electrical equipment, and paint, and more than that, your hands and your prayers.

Love,
Lyle Gerard & John Gooch

CASH FLOW STATEMENT SEPTEMBER, 1971 : MCC LOS ANGELES

Receipts - Item	9/5	9/12	9/19	9/26	TOTAL
Envelopes	$383.40	$334.00	$450.29	$365.06	$ 1,532.75
Loose Offering	412.02	379.99	472.76	555.79	1,820.56
Sunday School					
Deacons		3.50	10.00		13.50
Benevolent					
Seminary					
Fellowship	1,095.85				1,095.85
Publications	246.50	312.63	113.51	201.39	874.03
Personal Services	8.50		20.00		28.50
Music					301.36
Social Committee	330.70		14.65	68.46	413.81
Miscellaneous	145.00	48.00	212.75	66.50	472.25
Church Services (Des.)		222.55			222.55
Debt Reduction, Renovation, Cooling	49.56				49.56
TOTALS	$2,671.53	$1,280.67	$1,293.96	$1,214.20	$6,460.36

* This entire amount is due and payable to the U F.

\# Of this amt., $45 was transferred to Deacon's Fund; but was not so designated.

** Money includes advance to Social Comm. for Anniversary Dinner. Is refundable.

Summary of Cash Statements:	Month	Year-to-date (Final)	
Envelopes	$ 1,532.75	$23,817.78	
Loose Offering	1,820.56	33,055.68	
Sunday School		75.25	
Building Reserve		6,586.33	(Expended)
Deacons	13.50	650.15	
Benevolent		115.25	
Fellowship	1,095.85	1,095.85	
Seminary		68.00	
Publications	874.03	4,609.29	
Personal Services	28.50	77.00	
Music		301.36	
Social Committee	413.81	1,960.92	
Miscellaneous Receipts (Includes Bldg. Fund)	472.25	37,026.82	
Debt Reduction, etc.	49.56	2,668.29	
Church Services (Challice Fund)	222.55	222.55	
Bad Checks	(63.00)	(159.25)	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$ 6,460.36	$112,443.01	

BUDGET & FINANCIAL STATEMENT: MCC LOS ANGELES, SEPT., 1971
(Final Month of Fiscal Year)

DEPARTMENT	MONTH'S BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	STATUS	BUDGET YR TO DATE	EXPENDITURES	STATUS
Salaries, Honorariums	$1,550.00	$1,560.00	($10.00)	$17,200.00	$16,967.33	$ 232.67
Bldg. Fixed Debt	958.10	958.10	-----	7,899.60	7,965.85	(66.25)
Maintenance Supply	50.00	42.07	7.93	600.00	666.27	(66.27)
Utilities	225.00	291.98	(66.98)	2,700.00	4,097.20	(1,397.20)
Insurance	71.00	-----	71.00	852.00	849.00	3.00
Music & Communications	60.00	92.73	(32.73)	720.00	1,071.11	(351.11)
Christian Education	50.00	-----	50.00	600.00	265.20	334.80
* Universal Fellowship-5%	167.67	-----	167.67	3,630.32	2,959.32	671.00
Office Supply & Postage	250.00	114.00	136.00	3,000.00	2,683.46	316.54
Church Services	100.00	2.00	98.00	1,200.00	1,885.99	(685.99)
Benevolences - 5%	167.66	110.00#	57.66	3,064.88	2,233.31	831.57
Travel	100.00	268.00	(168.00)	1,200.00	1,619.42	(419.42)
Publications	100.00	(82.72)	182.72	1,200.00	102.97	997.03
Contingency	100.00	-----	100.00	1,100.00	-----	1,100.00
Designations: Deacons	61.50	61.50	-----	929.65	929.65	-----
Seminary	-----	-----	-----	60.00	60.00	-----
Advertising	100.00	73.35	26.65	1,200.00	1,136.38	63.62
Misc. No Budget: Debt Reduction, Renovation Cooling, etc.	49.56	461.00	(411.44)	2,870.02	3,686.26	(816.24)
Social Committee & May Festival **	466.16	583.19	(117.03)	1,960.92	583.19	1,377.73
TOTALS	$4,626.65	$4,535.20	$ 91.45	$51,987.39	$49,861.91	$2,125.48

Notes - *, **, # on next page.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17TH	8:30 AM	LITURGICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 AM	HOLY COMMUNION
	9:30 AM	ACADEMY
	9:30 AM	COMMUNICANT'S CLASS
	10:00 AM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	10:30 AM	SINGSPIRATION
	10:45 AM	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
	7:00 PM	CHRIST CHAPEL MCC COSTA MESA
	7:30 PM	MCC-LA EVENING SERVICES

THE LAVENDER LADIES

On Tuesday night, October 12th at 8 P.M. to 10 P.M. the Lavender Ladies are auditioning for their upcoming show on November 20th.

All auditioners are requested to bring their own material for their presentation...and be in female attire. Comedy, Group numbers, etc. ...Anything but the "Supremes".

WE HOPE YOU NEVER HAVE TO CALL BUT WE'RE HERE IF YOU DO YOUR CRISIS INTERVENTION COMMITTEE.

MORE LACE FROM THE LAVENDER LADIES

The art of Female Impersonation is generally viewed in its lighter aspects and this is as it should be. As a new participant in this art, I was able, on the occasion of a recent show, to experience some of the greatness of a person to whom I had admittedly held an attitude of indifference. Thru an unusual sequence of events and possibly as a result of this indifference, , my short sightedness became apparent to me.

Judy Garland's ability to cause members of the audience, on many occasions, to feel their human connection with each other in waves of spontaneity is truly impressive. I am happy to be a part of a group which allows me to discover, upon reflection, and thru portrayals of this nature, the redeeming qualities of my personality in general and as regards this particular art.

I am also happy that the Lavender Ladies group is allowed to be connected with a unique church whose aims and ideals are entirely consistent with the character of Modern Thinking.

Yours in the Spirit of Christ,

Wendy Hall

Our Church Calendar

MONDAY OCTOBER 11TH	7:00 PM	SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS Sommers Room
	7:30 PM	SILENT CHOIR REHEARSAL Choir Room
	7:30 PM	SEMINARY Seminary Room
TUESDAY OCTOBER 12TH	7:30 PM	DANCE CLASS
	7:30 PM	DISCUSSION GROUP Seminary Room
	7:30 PM	HI AR RICHARD ALATORRE (At Spider, Quinn & Paul's) 3845 Latrobe St., Call 223-8692
	8:00 PM	LAVENDER LADIES AUDITIONS Call 662-1596
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13TH	7:30 PM	SEMINARY CLASSES
	8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING Main Sanctuary
THURSDAY OCTOBER 14TH	6:00 PM	LITURGICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL Choir Room
	7:00 PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	8:00 PM	LONG BEACH PARISH BIBLE STUDY Forey & Art's, 1858 Magnolia St. Apt. 6, L.B., Call 599-6803
	8:00 PM	C.I.C. MEETING Seminary Room
	8:30 PM	ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETING Social Hall
FRIDAY OCTOBER 15TH	7:00 PM	HULA DANCE CLASS Social Hall, Call 663-5809
	7:30 PM	KOOL-AIDS MEETING Basement Classroom
	7:30 PM	SEMINARY CLASSES
SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH	8:00 PM	USHERS & GREETERS PARTY Topanga Canyon Club (Check Bulletin Board)

HEADLINES TELL OUR STORY

SACRAMENTO RALLY

Work harder for reform

Troy has appeared on: REGIS PHILBIN, CLOSE-UP, VIRGINIA GRAHAM, TEMPO, and MEET THE PRESS and on radio stations KUSC, KHJ, & KGIL.

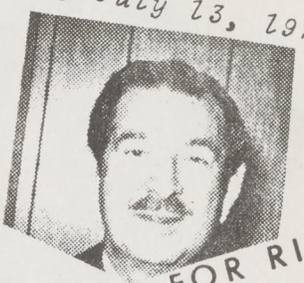
DOVER HOTEL RALLY
ADVOCATE, April 29, 1970

JUST CALL IT MCC-USA
ADVOCATE, Aug. 19, 1970

WOMEN WIN OVER WACS
VECTOR, April 1970

HOPE FOR THE HOMOSEXUAL
TIME MAGAZINE, July 13, 1970

36 LEGAL HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES IN L.A.?
CITIZEN NEWS, July 7, 1970



MCC AIDS PERU
ADVOCATE, July 8, 1970

DEAR ABBY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

REV. PERRY LEADS 250 IN MARCH FOR RIGHTS
ADVOCATE, March 1970

ANN LANDERS
LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER, Feb, 16, 1970

Minister Fasts 10 Days
CITIZEN NEWS, Hollywood

Hollywood Parade
LOS ANGELES TIMES, June 29, 1970

Rev. Perry Marries 2 Girls
ADVOCATE, July 8, 1970

A CHURCH FOR HOMOSEXUALS
LOS ANGELES TIMES, Dec. 8, 1970

DECOR IMPROVES AT BARNEYS
LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS, March 20, 1970

HOMOSEXUALS IN L A ESTABLISH OWN CHURCH
NEW YORK TIMES, Feb. 15, 1970

HOMOPHILE COURSE - CAL STATE. LONG BEACH
ADVOCATE, Sept. 16, 1970

WE SHALL OVERCOME